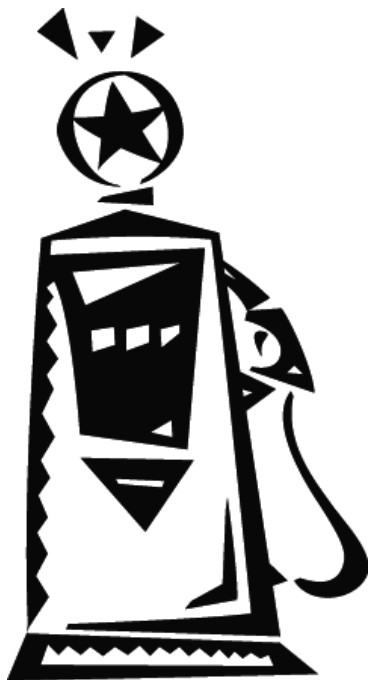


20 ways to SAVE MONEY ON GAS



Tired of high prices at the pumps? Here, easy ways you can save money on gas:

1. Going to a meeting off-site?

Ask if someone else is going too, then share the ride.

2. Do what's called "trip chaining,"—running all your errands in a row so you're restarting a warm, more fuel-efficient engine.

3. Carpool, vanpool or take transit to work.

4. Run local errands by foot or bike when possible.

5. Get the junk out of your trunk—each 100 pounds of extra weight reduces fuel efficiency by 1%.

6. Run an errand or go to lunch by bus instead of driving. Get an instant transit itinerary on-line at www.socalcommute.org.

7. Cut your trip short. Drive as far as a Park & Ride lot, then take transit or vanpool the rest of the way.

8. Limit your warm up—10 seconds to let your car idle is usually enough.

9. Make sure your tires are properly inflated. Flat tires cause drag, using more fuel to go.

10. Try the carpool lane, which according to experts allows motorists to travel at more fuel-efficient speeds.

11. Get regular tune-ups.



12. If you currently carpool with one person, **recruit an extra rider** once in a while.

13. If you can, flex your hours to travel off-peak hours—it's not only the miles you travel that cause excess emissions, but the time on the road as well.

14. Handle meetings by phone or teleconference when possible.

15. Keep your distance from other cars to avoid excess acceleration and breaking, which wastes gas.

16. If your employer allows it, telecommute.

17. Replace your car's air filter regularly.

18. If you're a two-car household, designate the more fuel-efficient (often the newer) vehicle for whoever has the longer commute.

19. Shut off your engine rather than letting it idle more than 60 seconds.

20. Rideshare once a week rather than not at all—that can add up to many gallons of gas saved each year.



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